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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US DELEGATION TO INAUGURATION OF NEW DOMINICAN
PRESIDENT ON AUG 16

1. INAUGURATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
NEXT AUG 16 WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANCE FAR BEYOND A CHANGE OF
ADMINISTRATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY, THE FIRST IN 12 YEARS. AS THE
CULMINATION OF A FREE ELECTION WHICH HAD BEEN THREATENED BY
POWERFUL REACTIONARY ELEMENTS, IT WILL SYMBOLIZE FOR THE ENTIRE
WESTERN HEMISPHERE A VICTORY OF DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN FULFILLING
A POPULAR MANDATE. ASSOCIATED WITH THIS VICTORY WILL BE THE
INFLUENCE OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION, NOTABLY THAT OF THE US AND
OTHER DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE, AND MORE
SPECIFICALLY THE POLICIES, INCLUDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY,
OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

2. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCCASION FOR US POLICY IN THE
HEMISPHERE ALONG WITH THE CURRENT USG EMPHASIS ON THE
CARIBBEAN ARGUE FOR A CORRESPONDINGLY IMPRESSIVE US DELEGATION
TO THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION. SUCH DELEGATION MIGHT WELL BE
HEADED BY PRESIDENT CARTER HIMSELF BUT, RECOGNIZING THAT THIS
MAY BE IMPRACTICAL, WE RECOMMEND THAT IT BE HEADED BY A PERSON
CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT, SUCH AS MRS CARTER (WHO IS KNOWN FOR
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HER INTEREST IN THIS REGION AND WHO ATTENDED A UPI CONVENTION IN
NEIGHBORING PUERTO RICO LAST OCT) OR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INCLUDING IN THE
DELEGATION, WHICH MIGHT APPROPRIATELY COMPRISE 6-8 MEMBERS,
PERSONS SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING:

(A) ONE OR TWO SENATORS, SUCH AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SFRC (SEN SARBANES) AND THE RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF THAT SUBCOMMITTEE (SEN JAVITS, IN WHOSE STATE IS A LARGE DOMINICAN COLONY).

(B) ONE OR TWO REPRESENTATIVES, SUCH AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HIRC (CONG FASCELL), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTER AMERICAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HIRC (CONG YATRON), AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HIRC (CONG FRASER).

(C) GOVERNOR ROMERO BARCELO OF PUERTO RICO.

(D) THE NEW ASST SECRETARY OF INTER AMERICAN AFFAIRS, VIRON VAKY.

(E) USCINCSO, LTGEN MCAULIFFE (WHOSE PRESENCE WILL REMIND DOMINICANS OF THE INTEGRATION OF MILITARY AND CIVIL COMPONENTS OF THE US GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORTING US POLICIES).

(F) PERSONS OF HISPANIC BACKGROUND AND/OR DOMINICAN CONNECTION PROMINENT IN THE ARTS, SCIENCES, EDUCATION OR SPORTS (TO EMPHASIZE THE CULTURAL BONDS BETWEEN THE US AND THE DR), OR LABOR.

(G) AMBASSADOR YOST.
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